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FROM : Senior Representative, C J

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational - CE

SPECIFIC— Correspondence of Masanobu TSUJI

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:
 - a. Letter written by Masanobu TSUJI to Identity Able; under separate cover;
 - b. Letter written by Identity Able to TSUJI;
 - c. Business card of Shigeharu ASAHARA;
 - d. Photograph of ASAHARA;

2. All attachments were provided to this mission by Identity A who assumed that KUBARK might be interested in TSUJI's activities and opinions.

3. The Mission has requested Identity A to furnish any further information he may obtain concerning the information TSUJI offers him in paragraph 4 of Attachment A. The Mission would appreciate receiving any pertinent information on TSUJI and ASAHARA which the addressees can provide.

Approved:

21 October 1954

Attachments: Four, by s/c per para 1 above (KAPOK)

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Sept. 23, 1954

Col. Frank O. Blake
American Embassy
Saigon, Indo-China

Dear Sir;

Two years have elapsed since I saw you last with Mr. Miyoshi, ex-major-general. It was my great pleasure to hear from him that you already was in Saigon on some important special mission. I heartily wish you good speed there.

Since the fall of 1952, I have been selected to the Diet, as an independent member, and been active in politics of this country, according to my conscience.

I think that the problem of Indo-China in Asia is closely concerned with that of world's peace. And if the present trend of this country further last, they will be under the control of Red power in the near future.

An intimate friend of mine who was a general-staff of Japanese Army during war time privately visited round Thai, Burma, Indo-China and India during May and June of this year. The result of his Asian tours was told me in details. And he made out the information report on the inside situations of these countries with objective view point. I have desired to get an opportunity to meet you and myself deliver this matter into your hand. However, under present circumstances, I cannot do so.

Fortunately, Mr. Shigeharu Asaeda, a close friend of mine is going to visit Thai and then enter into Indo-China. He has worked in Hongkong from July with the business, as a staff of some Japanese company, and will arrive at Bangkok around the middle of next month. So, I entrusted him with conveying the above-mentioned information to you by himself.

During war-time, Mr. Asaeda participated very actively in the Malayan-Campaign with me as an operation-general-staff. Right after the war-end, he did finely the most difficult work in Manchuria, belonging to the Kanto-gun (Japanese Army in Manchuria), and then returned to this country in 1949. Therefore, he is familiar with the inside of the situation of Communist Russia, and moreover has good understanding on the problem of Red China. In this point, I believe he is worthy of trust in advising you in your place.

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Right after arrival at Bangkok, Mr. Asaeda will apply to Thai Government to get visa of Saigon entrance. So, I would like to ask your favour and co-operation to let him get smoothly a permit of Indo-China entry. Enclosed you will find his name card and photo. His address in Bangkok is c/o Sinking Company, Ltd., 1276-1278 Songwad Road, phone: 20063, 21072, Cable add.: "SINKUCC".

Entresting your kindest favour, and with best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Masanobu Tsuji
A member of House
of Representative

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Saigon, Vietnam
5 October 1954

Mr Masanobu Tsuji
Nagata cho, Chiyoda ku
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mr. Tsuji:

Your letter of the 23rd arrived just a day or so ago. It was pleasant to hear from you, as you say it has been over two years since you and I and our other friends had a pleasant evening together at Gajo-en.

I shall be pleased to meet Mr Asaeda when he comes to Saigon, or if you or he can give me his time of arrival I shall be pleased to meet him at the airport. I am sure that I can offer him some excellent Vietnamese food, if he should be interested. He will find the weather here quite warm after Japan, but to us it seems quite comfortable.

We still think with pleasure of our years in Japan and hope to visit your beautiful country again - some time. Meanwhile please remember me most sincerely to Mr Miyoshi. I shall look forward toward seeing you again, someplace in the far east.

Sincerely

Frank O. Blake

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